Harassment of Taxi Drivers at IGI Airport

4017. SHRI SHIBU SOREN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned taken for a ride at the airport published in the Delhi edition of the Hindu dated January 8, 2000;

(b) if so, the action being initiated by the Airports Authority of India to stop the harassment of taxi drivers by its employees/securitymen at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi;

(c) whether any investigation is being made to find out if some senior officials are also involved in the racket of extortion of money from the taxi drivers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The enquiry made recently by Delhi Police into the allegations of harassment caused to the taxi drivers at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi by traffic police personnel revealed that these allegations lacked any substance.

Death-Sentence for Child Prostitution

†4018. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission has suggested Government for making a provision for death-sentence to those found guilty for child prostitution;

(b) whether the Commission has also suggested for carrying out changes in the relevant section of Indian Penal Code dealing with the punishment for rape and child prostitution; and

(c) if so, whether Government will take action on the suggestion made by Law Commission, while National Commission for Women has opposed it ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The suggestions of the Law Commission would be examined in consultation with the State Governments, as Criminal law is on the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Non-Compliance of NHRC Decision by Police

†4019. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV : Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Manavadhikar Ayog ka faisala bhi nahin mana Police ne' as published in the Lucknow edition of Dainik Jagaran on 13th February 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the case;

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken by Government for implementing the decision of the Commission;

(d) whether Government will prescribe an exact time-schedule for punishing the guilty and for releasing compensation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission directed the Senior Superintendent of Police, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh to pay compensation of Rs. 2 lakh to the victim Dr. R.P. Pandey and recover whole or part of it from the guilty policeman. The guilty policeman has filed a Review Petition in the National Human Rights Commission on 21-2-2000 requesting the Commission to review its order dated 20-9-99 and stay the proceedings of recovery till the disposal of Review Petition. The Review Petition is under consideration of the Commission.

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